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PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND ANNOTATIONS

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The thirty-first session of the Committee on the Rights of the Child will be held at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 16 September to 4 October 2002. The first meeting of the session will be convened on Monday, 16 September 2002 at 10 a.m.

2. In accordance with rule 6 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has prepared, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Committee, the attached provisional agenda for the thirty-first session. Annotations to the provisional agenda are also attached.

3. Pursuant to rule 32 of the provisional rules of procedure, the meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise.

4. The attention of the States parties is drawn, in particular, to the annotations to item 4, containing the list of reports that will be before the Committee at its thirty-first session.

5. A pre-sessional working group, established in accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure, met at the United Nations Office in Geneva from 10 to 14 June 2002.

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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda

1. Under rule 8 of the provisional rules of procedure, the first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda, except for the election of officers when required under rule 16. In accordance with rule 9 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Committee may revise the agenda and may, as appropriate, add, defer or delete items. Only urgent or important items may be added to the agenda.

Item 2. Organizational matters

2. Under this item, the Committee may wish to consider its programme of work for the session, as well as any other matter concerning the modalities of discharging its functions under the Convention.

Item 3. Submission of reports by States parties

Reports received

3. In addition to the reports which are scheduled for consideration by the Committee at its thirty-first session (see the timetable for consideration of reports under item 4 below), the Secretary-General has received the following initial reports:

State party	Date due	Symbol
Brunei Darussalam	1998	CRC/C/61/Add.4
Eritrea	1996	CRC/C/41/Add.12
Estonia	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.44
Haiti	1997	CRC/C/51/Add.7
Kazakhstan	1996	CRC/C/41/Add.13
San Marino	1993	CRC/C/8/Add.46
Singapore	1997	CRC/C/8/Add.7
Zambia	1994	CRC/C/11/Add.25

4. The Secretary-General has also received the following second periodic reports, in addition to those scheduled for consideration at the thirty-first session:

State party	Due in	Symbol
Armenia	2000	CRC/C/93/Add.6
Bangladesh	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.21
Cyprus	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.16
Canada	1999	CRC/C/83/Add.6
Czech Republic	1999	CRC/C/83/Add.4

State party	Due in	Symbol
Democratic People's Republic of Korea	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.24
Georgia	2001	CRC/C/104/Add.1
Germany	1999	CRC/C/83/Add.7
Iceland	1999	CRC/C/83/Add.5
India	2000	CRC/C/93/Add.5
Indonesia	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.23
Italy	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.13
Jamaica	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.15
Japan	2001	CRC/C/104/Add.2
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	2000	CRC/C/93/Add.1
Madagascar	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.18
Morocco	2000	CRC/C/93/Add.3
Myanmar	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.21
New Zealand	2000	CRC/C/93/Add.4
Netherlands	2002	CRC/C/117/Add.1
Panama	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.20
Pakistan	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.20
Republic of Korea	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.14
Romania	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.19
Rwanda	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.22
Slovenia	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.19
Sri Lanka	1998	CRC/C/70/Add.17
Syrian Arab Republic	2000	CRC/C/93/Add.2
Viet Nam	1997	CRC/C/65/Add.20

Reports due

5. Under rule 67 of the provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General is required to notify the Committee at each session of all cases of non-submission of reports. Accordingly, the States parties whose initial reports were due by 10 July 2002 but have not yet been received are listed below:

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Brazil	23 October 1992	8
Angola	3 January 1993	7
Guyana	12 February 1993	7
Bahamas	21 March 1993	7
Dominica	11 April 1993	7

State party	Date due	Number of reminders sent
Sao Tome and Principe	12 June 1993	7
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1994	6
Albania	27 March 1994	6
Equatorial Guinea	14 July 1994	6
Papua New Guinea	31 March 1995	6
Liberia	3 July 1995	6
Saint Lucia	15 July 1995	6
Turkmenistan	19 October 1995	6
Antigua and Barbuda	3 November 1995	6
Congo	12 November 1995	6
Afghanistan	26 April 1996	5
Nauru	25 August 1996	5
Samoa	28 December 1996	5
Malaysia	19 March 1997	4
Botswana	12 April 1997	4
Swaziland	5 October 1997	4
Tuvalu	21 October 1997	4
Tonga	5 December 1997	4
Kiribati	9 January 1998	3
Niue	18 January 1998	3
Cook Islands	5 July 1999	2

6. At its twenty-ninth session (see CRC/C/114, para. 561), the Committee decided to send a letter to all States parties whose initial reports were due in 1992 and 1993, requesting them to submit that report within one year. The Committee further decided to inform those States parties in the same letter that should they not report within one year, the Committee would consider the situation of child rights in the State in the absence of the initial report, as foreseen in the Committee's "Overview of the reporting procedures" (CRC/C/33. paras. 29-32) and in light of rule 67 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure (CRC/C/4).

7. The States parties whose second periodic reports were due by 10 July 2002 but have not yet been received are listed below:

State party	Date due
Belize	1 September 1997
Benin	1 September 1997
Bhutan	1 September 1997
Ecuador	1 September 1997
El Salvador	1 September 1997
Ghana	1 September 1997
Guinea	1 September 1997
Holy See	1 September 1997
Kenya	1 September 1997
Mauritius	1 September 1997
Mongolia	1 September 1997
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1 September 1997
Senegal	1 September 1997
Sierra Leone	1 September 1997
Togo	1 September 1997
France	5 September 1997
Gambia	6 September 1997
Uganda	15 September 1997
Guinea-Bissau	18 September 1997
Philippines	19 September 1997
Seychelles	6 October 1997
Zimbabwe	10 October 1997
Venezuela	12 October 1997
Nepal	13 October 1997
Mali	19 October 1997
Democratic Republic of the Congo	19 October 1997
Brazil	23 October 1997
Malta	29 October 1997
Namibia	29 October 1997
Niger	29 October 1997
Chad	31 October 1997
Barbados	7 November 1997
Burundi	17 November 1997
Grenada	4 December 1997
Uruguay	19 December 1997

State party	Date due
Angola	3 January 1998
Djibouti	4 January 1998
Australia[1]	15 January 1998
Malawi	31 January 1998
Yugoslavia	1 February 1998
Guyana	12 February 1998
Côte d'Ivoire	5 March 1998
Maldives	12 March 1998
Bahamas	21 March 1998
Dominica	11 April 1998
Nigeria	18 May 1998
Lao People's Democratic Republic	6 June 1998
Sao Tome and Principe	12 June 1998
Mauritania	14 June 1998
Bulgaria	2 July 1998
United Republic of Tanzania	9 July 1998
Dominican Republic	10 July 1998
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	16 September 1998
Cuba	19 September 1998
Croatia	7 October 1998
Israel	1 November 1998
Hungary	5 November 1998
Estonia	19 November 1998
Kuwait	19 November 1998
San Marino	24 December 1998
Trinidad and Tobago	3 January 1999
Zambia	4 January 1999
Lithuania	28 February 1999
Bosnia and Herzegovina	5 March 1999
Bahrain	14 March1999

[1] In response to a note verbale sent by the Government of Australia on 17 August 1999 requesting guidance on the periodicity of submission of its second periodic report, the Committee, by letter dated 22 September 1999, invited the Australian authorities to submit a consolidated second and third periodic report by 15 January 2003.

State party	Date due
Albania	27 March 1999
China	31 March 1999
Lesotho	8 April 1999
Thailand	25 April 1999
Latvia	13 May 1999
Central African Republic	23 May 1999
Cape Verde	3 July 1999
Equatorial Guinea	14 July 1999
Austria	4 September 1999
Azerbaijan	11 September 1999
Ireland	27 October 1999
Cambodia	13 November 1999
Iceland	26 November 1999
Slovakia	31 December 1999
Cameroon	9 February 2000
Republic of Moldova	24 February 2000
Papua New Guinea	31 March 2000
Suriname	31 March 2000
Algeria	15 May 2000
Micronesia (Federated States of)	3 June 2000
Greece	9 June 2000
Liberia	3 July 2000
Saint Lucia	15 July 2000
Monaco	20 July 2000
Comoros	21 July 2000
Armenia	5 August 2000
Vanuatu	5 August 2000
Syrian Arab Republic	13 August 2000
Fiji	11 September 2000
Turkmenistan	19 October 2000
Gabon	10 March 2001
Luxembourg	5 April 2001
Afghanistan	26 April 2001
Mozambique	25 May 2001
Georgia	1 July 2001

State party	Date due
Iraq	14 July 2001
Uzbekistan	28 July 2001
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	11 August 2001
Nauru	25 August 2001
Eritrea	1 September 2001
Kazakhstan	10 September 2001
Kyrgyzstan	5 November 2001
Samoa	28 December 2001

8. Under this item, the Committee will have before it notes by the Secretary-General concerning the list of States whose initial reports under article 44 of the Convention were respectively due in 1992 (CRC/C/3), 1993 (CRC/C/8), 1994 (CRC/C/11), 1995 (CRC/C/28), 1996 (CRC/C/41), 1997 (CRC/C/51), 1998 (CRC/C/61) and 1999 (CRC/C/78) (no initial reports were due in 2000). The Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General containing the list of States whose second periodic reports were due in 1997 (CRC/C/65), 1998 (CRC/C/70), 1999 (CRC/C/83), 2000 (CRC/C/93) or 2001 (CRC/C/104) or 2002 (CRC/C/117).

9. Under this item, the Committee will also have before it a note by the Secretary-General concerning the States parties to the Convention and the status of submission of reports (CRC/C/120), as well as a note by the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the consideration of initial reports by States parties to the Convention (CRC/C/27/Rev.11).

Item 4. Consideration of reports of States parties

10. A tentative timetable for consideration of reports at the thirty-first session, prepared by the Secretary-General in consultation with the Chairperson and subject to approval by the Committee, is given below.

Tentative timetable for consideration of reports of States parties

Tuesday, 17 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Argentina	CRC/C/70/Add.10
Wednesday, 18 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Israel	CRC/C/8/Add.44
Thursday, 19 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	CRC/C/83/Add.3

Monday, 23 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Seychelles	CRC/C/3/Add.64
Tuesday, 24 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Sudan	CRC/C/65/Add.17
Thursday, 26 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Ukraine	CRC/C/70/Add.11
Friday, 27 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Republic of Moldova	CRC/C/28/Add.19
Monday, 30 September	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Burkina Faso	CRC/C/65/Add.18
Tuesday, 1 October	10 a.m.-1 p.m. 3-6 p.m.	Poland	CRC/C/70/Add.12

11. In accordance with rule 68 of the provisional rules of procedure, representatives of the States parties shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Committee when their reports are examined. Such representatives should be able to answer questions put to them by the Committee and make statements on reports already submitted by their State, and may also submit further information.

12. In accordance with rule 68 of the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the Secretary-General has notified the States parties concerned of the opening date, duration and place of the thirty-first session of the Committee, at which their respective reports will be examined, and has invited them to send representatives to attend the meetings of the Committee at which their reports will be examined.

Item 5. Cooperation with other United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and other competent bodies

13. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion of ways and areas in which existing cooperation with various relevant bodies could be further strengthened to enhance the promotion and protection of the rights of the child.

Item 6. Day of general discussion

14. In accordance with rule 75 of its provisional rules of procedure, the Committee decided at its twenty-eighth session that a day of general discussion would be held during its thirty-first session devoted to the question of "The private sector as service provider and its role in implementing child rights", and agreed to invite interested bodies to participate in that discussion, which will take place on Friday, 20 September 2002. At its twenty-ninth session, the Committee adopted an outline for the discussion day (see CRC/C/114, annex VIII). Invitations have been dispatched by the secretariat to relevant organizations and individuals.

Item 7. Methods of work of the Committee

15. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue its discussion concerning the organization of its future work, as well as the procedure to be followed in the consideration of reports by States parties and their follow-up, including where necessary areas identified for technical assistance.

16. Under this item, the Committee will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on areas identified by the Committee for technical assistance and advisory services (CRC/C/40/Rev.22). The Committee will also have before it a note by the secretariat containing a compilation of the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee at its first to twenty-ninth sessions (CRC/C/19/Rev.10).

Item 8. General comments

17. Under this item, the Committee may wish to pursue the elaboration of general comments based on the various principles and provisions of the Convention.

Item 9. Future meetings

18. Under this item, the Committee will be informed of any developments relating to the schedule of its future meetings.

Item 10. Other matters

19. Under this item, members may wish to discuss such other matters relating to the work of the Committee as may be necessary.